

Supplemental Amendment  
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**REMARKS**

Further to Applicants amendment of January 8, 2003, Applicants amend claim 17 by combining claims 17 and 18 and emphasize that the recording paper is impregnated with a sizing agent; see the specification at page 12, lines 12-25. Certainly the "impregnated with" embodiment is not in any fashion suggested by either JP '425 or U.S. Patent 6,171,381 Yoshimura et al. (Yoshimura).

With respect to the sizing agent further comprising a surfactant and an inorganic filler as in claim 20, see page 12, lines 11-15 and Examples 6-18 in Tables 1 and 2 of the specification.

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